



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

WHEREAS, the week of February 6 through 12, 2005, has been recognized as "National Burn Awareness Week"; and

WHEREAS, more than 35 percent of all fire and burn injuries and deaths happen to children, with those injuries being the first leading cause of accidental injury in children under the age of two, the second leading cause of accidental death for children one to four years old and the third leading cause of death for all those under age 19; and

WHEREAS, 75 to 80 percent of burn injuries occur in and around the home where the use of alternative heating devices, especially wood or coal-burning stoves and kerosene heaters, has led to a surge in the number of contact burns; and

WHEREAS, 75 percent of all homes now have smoke detectors installed but only two-thirds of those units function, many malfunctioning due to dead batteries or bad electrical connections; and

WHEREAS, 22 Shriner Hospitals for Children provide expert orthopaedic and burn care to children absolutely free of charge; and

WHEREAS, the Shriner Hospitals for Children have helped more than 625,000 children free of charge; and

WHEREAS, more than 17,500 children from Idaho have been treated free of charge by Shriner Hospitals for Children; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim February 6 through 12, 2005 to be

**BURN AWARENESS WEEK**

in Idaho, and call upon fire and emergency services and local burn facilities throughout the State of Idaho to stress appropriate education and prevention programs for the citizens of our state.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this eighteenth day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand and five and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-ninth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fifteenth.

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Ben Yursa in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

BEN YURSA  
SECRETARY OF STATE